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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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Barnstable (Marstons Mills Center)

Address 25 River Road

Historic Name David Green House

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION:

c. 1816

Source Registry of Deeds

Style Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric shingle

Outbuildings workshop and apartment

Major alterations (with dates)

picture window c. 1960

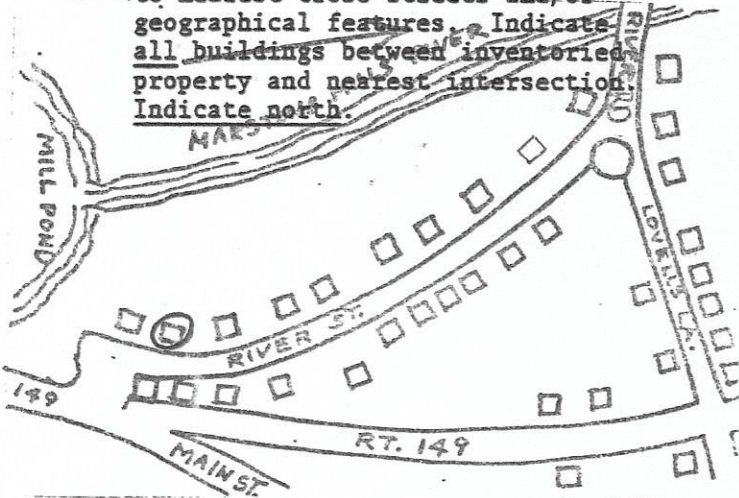
Moved no Date

Approx. acreage 2

Setting residential village area

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Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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Date 1983 revised 1985

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**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)**

The house appears to have been built as a half Cape cottage with an addition to the south, at an unknown date, producing the current 3/4 Cape. It is located on a rise falling east, behind a thick lilac hedge. The exterior is painted wood shingle; there are two dormers on the front slope of the roof. The facade has been altered by addition of a large picture window. The long narrow building to the north contains 3 garages and one apt. It was used by Isaac Green as a carriage paint shop and has been a repair shop of various kinds through the years.

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)**

In 1979 Stetson and Jane Hall bought 3 parcels of land and the house from the executor of the estate of Artemas G. Griffin. Mr Griffin died in 1974 leaving to his wife, Laura Griffin, the use of the homestead for her natural life. Mrs. Griffin released right and title in 1978. Artemas Griffin inherited the "two acres with buildings" from his first wife, Gertrude in 1965. Gertrude bought the property from her mother, Mary F Greene in 1936, reserving to Mrs. Greene the estate for life. Mrs. Greene inherited from her husband, Isaac, "...all real estate to NW of road from Marstons Mills to Newtowne". His will instructed the "property shall not be sold until after 1950." Isaac J. Greene died in 1918. Isaac had a workshop on the premise and painted horse carriages as a trade. He was also an artist and the current owner has collected four of his paintings. Isaac purchased Parcel 1-2a, the "homestead of the late David Green, deceased" in 1891 from Sarah B. Howland. The other two parcels were purchased in 1909 and 1912. Sarah bought the estate from the other heirs of David Green in 1876. David Green, blacksmith, bought the tract of land from Benjamin Marston in June 1816 for \$17.50 and probably built the house about that time. His son, Arthur bought the property south of this in 1848 and built a house (MMA-7)

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